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Requirements for exploitation of Source

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- 1. China is putting a great deal of effort into building its own optical instrument and precision mechanism industry. I/PE is particularly interested in the fact that Source will be attempting to sell geodatic instruments, testing devices for radios and television, equipment for testing machinery and steel products during production processes, aircraft altimeters, and industrial scales. He may be in a position to witness production or use of Chinese-produced equipment comparable to that he is trying to sell, and possibly other instruments such as office machinery, pharmaceutical machines, laboratory instruments, medical and dental equipment, timekeeping devices, automatic temperature and pressure regulators and control equipment, navigation instruments, photographic equipment and projectors, microscopes, surveying instruments, binoculars, and optical lenses.
- 2. What different categories of equipment are actually being produced, and where? What is the volume of output of individual plants? Qualitatively, how do Chinese-produced instruments compare with those manufactured in, say, Japan or East Germany? What is the source of optical glass and other raw or semifinished materials?
- 3. What aid have Chinese received from the Russians in the field of precision instruments either in construction of plants or receipt of technical data.

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